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SUBJECT: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS RE ALLEGED MOZAMBIQUE  
MASSACRE

1. MOZAMBIQUE MASSACRE REPORTS CONTINUE TO GET FRONT  
PAGE ATTENTION IN LONDON PRESS. JULY 12 "TIMES" HAD  
ARTICLE DESCRIBING SHARP QUESTIONING OF FATHER HASTINGS  
WHO ORIGINALLY FURNISHED STORY TO THE PAPER. HASTINGS  
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STUCK TO HIS STORY BUT THERE HAS BEEN SOME SCEPTICISM

EXPRESSED IN OTHER QUARTERS, NOTABLY BY LORD GEORGE BROWN IN PARLIAMENT AND SEVERAL LETTERS TO THE EDITOR OF THE "TIMES".

2. IN EDITORIAL OF JULY 13 THE "TIMES" DEFENDS ITS PUBLICATION OF THE STORY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR SCEPTICISM BUT SAYING THAT MANY SUCH REPORTS IN THE PAST WHICH WERE INITIALLY DISCOUNTED HAVE PROVEN TO BE ONLY TOO TRUE, VIZ. KATYN, MY LAI, ETC. "TIMES" ALSO PUBLISHED REPORT BASED ON A DIARY KEPT BY MADRID BASED SPANISH BURGOS FATHERS DETAILING ATROCITIES PERPETRATED BY PORTUGUESE FORCES DURING 1971 AND 1972 WHILE PRIESTS WERE SERVING IN MOZAMBIQUE. "DAILY TELEGRAPH", ON OTHER HAND, HAS SENT A CORRESPONDENT TO THE SCENE OF THE ALLEGED WIRIYAMU MASSACRE WHO REPORTS HE FOUND NOTHING TO SUBSTANTIATE THE INITIAL ALLEGATIONS BY FATHER HASTINGS. IN THE MEANTIME, PRIME MINISTER HEATH SAID TO HAVE ASKED FOR SPECIAL REPORTS ON THIS AFFAIR FROM BRITISH EMBASSY LISBON AND CONGEN LOURENCO MARQUES.

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